

Esther 4:1-5:14

**I. The Story**

- A. The bad news
- B. The queen's task
- C. The first banquet
- D. Haman's plan

**II. Learning from Esther**

- A. Wisdom (Genesis 39:1-4; Nehemiah 2:5; Daniel 1:17-21)
- B. The terrifying doctrine of submission (Ephesians 5:22-24; 1 Peter 3:1-6).
- C. Not a victim
- D. The true King (John 2:4; 17:19)
- E. The King's delight in the Queen (Revelation 21:2; Psalm 45:10-11; Song of Solomon 4:7, 9-10; 6:10)

**III. Living out the Scripture**

- A. Unfrightened
- B. How, not whether (Ephesians 5:25-27)
- C. Pity